



NEWS Release

Montana State Parks • 1420 E. 6th Avenue • Helena, MT 59620

Phone: (406) 444-3750 • stateparks.mt.gov

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 23, 2017

Contact: Matt Marcinek, (406) 994-3552

Betsy Kirkeby, (406) 444-3343

Public Comment Sought on Madison Buffalo Jump State Park Interpretive Trail

-Comments due by February 23, 2017-

(Bozeman, MT) – Montana State Parks (stateparks.mt.gov) announced today that it is seeking public comment on a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for a proposed Interpretive Pavilion Trail at Madison Buffalo Jump State Park near Logan, MT. **Public comments will be accepted through Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 5pm.**

The proposal would construct a sustainable .25-mile pedestrian trail from the parking area to the existing interpretive pavilion at the park and rehabilitate the former access road to prevent further erosion and sediment washing. The project would also install rest stops with benches and interpretive panels to inform visitors about the significance of the site.

The covered interpretative pavilion which is located on a hill in front of the main buffalo jump is one of the most visited areas of the park. The steep grade of the hill makes access to the pavilion difficult for visitors with mobility issues. The proposed trail would improve accessibility while correcting significant erosion issues on the former access road.

To view a full copy of the environmental assessment visit stateparks.mt.gov and click “Public Notices”. Or by **direct link** here:

http://stateparks.mt.gov/news/publicNotices/environmental-assessments/pn_0064.html

The public comment period will be open for 30 days. The public is invited to comment by email to mmarcinek@mt.gov or comment online at stateparks.mt.gov and click “submit comments”.

The public may also send written comments by **mail** to: Madison Buffalo Jump State Park Trail Project, Montana State Parks, 1400 19th Ave So, Bozeman, MT 59718. **Public comments must be received by Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 5pm.**

For question about the draft EA and/or the public comment process, contact Matt Marcinek at (406) 994-3552 or email mmarcinek@mt.gov.

Visit Montana State Parks (stateparks.mt.gov) and enjoy camping, hiking, fishing, swimming, boating and more and discover some of the greatest natural and cultural treasures on earth.



-###-

A division of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
stateparks.mt.gov

Contact:

Matt Marcinek
Region 3 Parks Manager,
Montana State Parks
(406) 994-3552
mmarcinek@mt.gov

Betsy Kirkeby
Public Relations Specialist,
Montana State Parks
(406) 444-3343
bkirkeby@mt.gov